

AGENTS CALL ON HYDE TO RESIGN

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POLICY HOLDERS ASK FOR RECEIVER

Alexander and Tarbell Loudly Applauded at Meeting of General Agents—Committee Appointed to Ask Governor to Urge Mutualization of the Company.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—Edgar M. Kahn, an attorney, filed suit in the civil courts to-day here on behalf of himself and other policyholders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, asking for a receivership under the Louisiana law and for an accounting of the company's affairs in view of the New York situation. The petition represents that the company has large interests here.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, April 19.—After a protracted session behind closed doors the two hundred or more general agents of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to-day adopted a resolution calling upon Vice-President J. H. Hyde to resign from his position with the organization and appointing a committee of five from their number to call on Mr. Hyde and present the demand.

When the meeting of the agents was adjourned to-night, the committee had not called on Mr. Hyde, nor had they reported to the meeting.

Impertinent, Says Hyde.

The agents went into session at 11 o'clock and it was 3 o'clock before a recess was taken for luncheon. During all the time loud talking and occasional interruptions of speakers indicated that there was a warm debate over some question under consideration. Later it was learned that discussion concerned the Hyde resolution and its construction.

When the recess was taken, Mr. Hyde was informed that the committee of agents would reach his office at 4 o'clock. At 5:30 the committee had not yet arrived. Mr. Hyde left for home.

"I have not seen the committee and I have not seen the resolutions, but I consider them impertinent, extraordinary, insulting and most preposterous. I have no intention of resigning."

Petition to Governor.

It was almost half-past 4 when the agents again went into session and the latter part of the day's meeting was from all indications more peaceful than earlier in the day. It was said that at the earlier assemblage all but seventeen of the agents had voted to request Mr. Hyde's resignation and in support of Mr. Alexander. The number voting for the resolution is said to be one hundred and ninety-three. The committee of five, appointed to wait on Mr. Hyde is composed of Charles Wake, of New York; Frank Levy, of New Orleans; C. J. Bode, of Baltimore, Md.; and W. J. Roddy, of South Carolina.

At this later session, and while awaiting the appearance of this committee, a permanent organization was formed and a committee was elected to go to Albany Friday to petition the insurance commissioner and Governor Higgins to urge the mutualization of the Equitable. The committee includes John S. Coles, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Robert L. Foreman, Atlanta, Ga.; P. L. Levy, New Orleans, La.; W. J. Roddy, Rock Hill, S. C.; W. R. Luke, Nashville, Tenn.; W. A. Danner, Richmond, Va.; H. H. Steiner, Roanoke, Va.

Alexander Applauded.

It was after the appointment of this committee that it was decided that it would be advisable to form a permanent organization and the following committee on permanent organization of the "National Association of Managers" was named:

C. J. Edwards, chairman; E. A. Woods, Pittsburgh; A. M. Shields, San Francisco; J. S. Kendrick, St. Louis; R. L. Hart, Philadelphia; P. L. Levy, New Orleans; F. H. Hazleton, Portland, Me.; R. L. Foreman, Atlanta; A. C. Haynes, New York.

A committee was named to bring President Alexander and Second Vice-President Tarbell before the convention to thank them for the hospitality received at their hands. When the committee appeared with Mr. Alexander and Mr. Tarbell, they were applauded.

Mr. Alexander said that he could not express his great pleasure and love for the agents who had so magnificently upheld his action. He pledged the managers his utmost diligence in guarding their interests.

Mr. Tarbell paid a tribute to Mr. Alexander, who, he stated, "had proved that he would rather be right than President, but he was right and was president and would be president as long as he desired to be."

Both men were cheered.

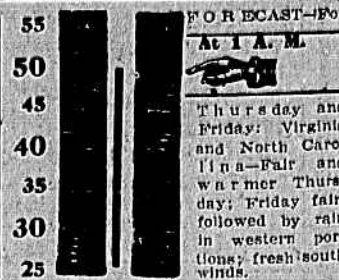
Statements Issued.

Samuel Untermyer, counsel for Mr. Hyde, made a statement to-day concerning the "James H. Hyde and Associates" syndicate transactions. Mr. Untermyer said in part:

"These transactions tell their own story of the equal interest and participation of Mr. Alexander. The transactions were entirely legitimate and there is no just ground for criticizing Mr. Alexander or anybody else for being interested in them. There were other like operations of this same syndicate such as the internal marine, in which the syndicate members lost their money in which the society took no participation."

Second Vice-President Tarbell to-day denied a statement made by Henry H. Knowles, former superintendent of agencies for the Equitable, in which Mr. Knowles said that Mr. Tarbell was at the bottom of the Equitable troubles, and that he had entered into a compact to Vice-President Hyde and succeeded President Alexander when the head of society retired.

POINTER ON THE WEATHER



CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Richmond (this) yesterday was clear and moderate. Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M.	47	4 P. M.	58
12 M.	48	9 P. M.	50
8 P. M.	46	12 midnight	50
Average			
44			

Highest temperature yesterday..... 55
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 34
Mean temperature yesterday..... 46
Normal temperature for April..... 50
Departure from normal temperature..... -4
Precipitation during past 24 hours..... .09

ASKED FOR PISTOL AND SHOT HIMSELF

John B. Stephens Commits Suicide in Store in Farmville.

BOY TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

Son of Town Sergeant Sent Bullet Into Breast and Then Begon to Cry.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FARMVILLE, VA., April 19.—John B. Stephens shot himself through the temple this afternoon in the store of H. E. Barrow & Co. and died in an hour. From the papers found on his person he was evidently out of work and this may have led to the suicide.

Walking into the store he asked to see a pistol and when it was handed him, he quickly placed a cartridge in it and pulled the trigger. The clerk jumped to him and tried to catch his arm, but was too late. Several letters were found from his sister, Clara M. Stephens, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who was immediately notified.

Several letters found on Stephens were addressed to him at Hotel Huntington, Newport News. A card of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' International Union, issued by Local No. 26, of Greater New York, and a card of Trenton (N. J.) Erie, No. 100, F. O. E. A. E. Dearden, president.

Tragedy in Tazewell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) TAZEWELL, VA., April 19.—John D. Alexander, Jr., son of the town sergeant, attempted to take his own life here last night by shooting himself in the breast with a thirty-two calibre revolver. The ball entered a few inches above the heart, ranged downwards and was taken out in his back. No cause is assigned for the deed.

The young man had been drinking heavily yesterday afternoon and remarked to several of his friends that he was going to kill himself, but seeing the condition he was in no attention was paid to his remarks. He met a number of his friends near the old base-ball grounds, on lower Tazewell Avenue, about 9 o'clock last night and reiterated the threat. At this time he exhibited the pistol, which was taken away from him, but later given back by one of his friends. He walked a short distance from the crowd of boys, said "good-bye" to one of them, placed the gun to his breast and fired.

Realizing what he had done, as soon as the shot was fired, he began crying, saying that he was sorry he had shot himself and asking some of the boys to pray for him, as he was going to die. He was immediately taken to his home, where medical attention was sought.

The family, of which young Alexander is the youngest member, is among the best and most highly thought of in Tazewell.

SCOTT REINSTATED BY ORDER OF PRESIDENT

Disgraced for Crime Committed by Another Man—Dishonor Killed His Father.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—S. F. Scott, of Kansas City, has been reinstated in the postal service through an executive order of the President. Scott was the victim of an unjust suspicion of having stolen a registered package containing \$5,000. The case was not complicated and Scott was not convicted of the crime, but so strong was the evidence against him, that he was dismissed from the service, December 9, 1901. Meanwhile, Scott was in disgrace, and his dishonor caused the death of his father, who was postmaster of Kansas City. After the death of the father, the innocence of the young man was established, and John D. P. Scott was convicted of the crime, and is now serving a term in the penitentiary. The reinstatement of Scott is an act of tardy justice.

PRISONERS SET FIRE TO JAIL AND ARE CREMATED

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—In an attempt to escape from jail, three prisoners to-day set fire to the parish jail at Pontchartraine, La. Two of the men were cremated and the third was fatally burned. The men were arrested last night for disorderly conduct.



WHO FLUNG THAT BRICK?

SENATOR MARTIN IN BRUNSWICK

Defends His Record in the United States Senate.

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Regulation of Freight Rates by the Government.

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He said that he regretted to have to make a campaign of the character he is now making, which necessarily is personal, and that discussing personal matters was extremely distasteful to him, but at the beginning he wanted to understand that he did not want the vote of any one who believed he was inefficient or unfaithful.

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He then went into details as to the claim of one million, seven hundred thousand dollars he had recovered for Virginia and defended himself for being a letter writing statesman, for one who stands by his friends, for being a department runner.

JEFFERSON BETTER AND MAY YET RECOVER

Ate Heartily Yesterday and Is Now Much Stronger—Talks Freely to Family.

(By Associated Press.)

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA., April 19.—The change for the better in the condition of Joseph Jefferson has been so encouraging to the physicians and the family as to lead to the hope of ultimate recovery.

Mr. Jefferson is stronger to-night. Throughout the day, and especially the afternoon, Mr. Jefferson has called for food, and has been able to retain chicken broth and brandy and milk, after he had devoured with a great deal of relish half of a one-pound grape fruit.

Following two days of great anxiety to-night has come in the nature of a great relief. Mr. Jefferson is much better. He is helping himself to what food is offered by the nurse and talks freely to the physicians and members of the family who are present. At this hour breathing is in his favor. There is a cool breeze blowing from the ocean and the temperature has ranged during the day from seventy to sixty-five, and is stationary tonight at sixty. Mr. Jefferson has a room on the second floor of his cottage, "The Reef," where he can observe the ocean.

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STEAMERS SINK; ALL ABOARD LOST

Believed That Freshfield and Mars Have Met Same Fate.

HAVE LONG BEEN MISSING

May Have Been Wrecked in North Atlantic During Terrible Storms in February.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 19.—The German steamer Mars, Captain Niemann, which sailed from Pensacola, Fla., February 1st, bound to Leer, Germany, was to-day posted as Lloyd's missing.

Since the Mars left Pensacola no vessel has reported having sighted her. It is probable that she foundered and all hands were lost during one of the terrible storms which swept the North Atlantic in February. There was aboard the Mars a crew of about twenty men.

The British steamer Freshfield, which left Pensacola three days before the Mars, bound for Hamburg, is supposed to have met a similar fate. Both vessels were in the reinsurance market until March 15th, when marine underwriters abandoned hope of their safety and declared them to be no longer insurable.

The Mars was a steel vessel of 1,254 tons net, built at West Hartlepool, England, in 1898, and was owned by Schmidt & Hansen, of Flensburg.

SECRETARY TAFT WILL VISIT TOKIO

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 19.—On further consideration of the matter as laid before him by Secretary Hiohi, of the Japanese legation, Secretary Taft has concluded to visit Tokyo while his ship, the Manchuria, on which he will make his Philippine trip is coaling at Yokohama. The Secretary has made such a visit on the occasion of other like detentions at Yokohama and feels that he could scarcely fail to make an official call on this occasion. It has not yet been decided whether the entire party of sixty accompanying the Secretary shall join him in the visit to Tokio.

PRINCE GEORGE SLAIN IN CRETE, SAYS REPORT

British Warship Hurried to Suda Bay to Put Down Disorder.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York Herald.)

MALTA, April 19.—The British warship Venus yesterday received sudden orders to leave for Suda Bay, as disturbances had broken out in Crete. She left at 7 o'clock this morning. The Diana will follow to-morrow and the Minerva on Saturday. The Juno is already at Crete.

Rumors are current here that Prince George of Greece, Governor-General of Crete, has been murdered.

ANTI-TRUST CRUSADE BEGINS IN ALABAMA

(By Associated Press.)

MONTGOMERY, ALA., April 19.—The State of Alabama, through its attorney-general and the solicitor of Alabama, to-day brought suits against the Diamond Match Company in the sum of \$50,000 in penalties for the alleged failure of the company to comply with the corporation laws of this State before doing business here. Leading attorneys here predict that this is the beginning of a general crusade by the State of Alabama against alleged trusts.

MORTON TO TELL ABOUT REBATES

Secretary of Navy to Appear Before Senate Committee.

SPIRITED DEBATE DURING SESSION

Vote on Proposition Said to Have Been Close—Senator Morgan's Novel View of Powers of Congress to Regulate Railroad Rates.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—It is currently reported to-night that the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is now investigating the proposed rate regulation, will summon Secretary Paul Morton, head of the Navy Department, to testify before it concerning the granting of rebates.

Mr. Morton told the Interstate Commerce Commission some time ago, before he was Secretary of the Navy, and while he was at the head of the traffic department of the Santa Fe Railroad Company, that his road had granted many thousands of dollars in secret rebates to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company in order to secure the business of that company.

It is understood that there was considerable discussion of a spy character in the executive session of the committee this evening over the proposal to summon Mr. Morton. The decision to have him appear before the committee was reached by a close vote. He has not yet been summoned.

The Secretary's confession that the officials of his road had violated the law against granting rebates could not be used against him in a criminal prosecution, as the law provides that statements made before the Commerce Commission shall not be so used. Of course, there will not be any prosecution resulting from any statement made before the Senate Committee.

Morgan Testifies.

Victor Morgan, of the Atchafalaya, Toledo and Santa Fe Railroad, was before the committee again to-day. Replying to a question by Senator Dooliver, Mr. Morgan explained the charges regarding the granting of rebates by the Atchafalaya to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. He said that the alleged rebates grew out of confusion of the cost of transportation and the cost of coal. The Atchafalaya filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission a rate of \$4.05 from the mine to the point of intersection with another road, which was controlled by Phelps, Dodge & Co., the coal consignees. As a matter of fact, he said, the rate was \$2.30 per ton and the difference of \$1.75 was paid to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company for the coal. The road collected the price of the coal and the cost of transportation at the point of delivery. It was alleged that the payment of \$1.15 to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company was a rebate, when as a matter of fact, it was a payment for the cost of transportation.

Mr. Morgan denied that the Atchafalaya had paid \$1,000,000 in rebates to the Standard Oil Company.

Morgan's View of It.

The paper filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday by Senator Morgan, takes a novel view of the powers of Congress to regulate railway rates. Senator Morgan regards the provision of the Constitution giving Congress the power to provide for the common welfare, Congress, as soon as a railroad ceases to be an interstate road, has the right to regulate its rates, whenever it appears that such are oppressive. This is looked on as a view entirely new. Senator Morgan holds further that this is a police rather than a judicial power, and that the Congress under the Constitution has the right to delegate it to any agency created for the purpose.

Millionaire Has No Objection, Saying He Does Not Want Rich Men in Family.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 19.—Andrew Carnegie's niece, Nancy, was secretly married about a year ago in the family home at Newport. The story, which became known to-day, was confirmed by Mr. Carnegie, who made the following statement:

"My niece was married to Mr. Heaver in New York about a year ago. Mr. Heaver was a rich man, and the marriage was a very good one. I have no objection to the match. Mr. Heaver is an honest, upright young man. I would rather Nancy had married a poor, honest man than a worthless duke. We want no rich men in the family."

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There are various reports of wild turning movements at Tishihar or eastward of that point, but as yet these rumors are apparently unfounded. The vigor of the skirmishes taking place on the left

RUSSIANS LINGER IN KAMRANH BAY

Sending Out Cruisers To Overhaul Merchantmen on Trade Route.

JAPANESE MAKE VIGOROUS PROTEST

The People Extremely Irritated Against France for Permitting Fleet to Stay—It Is Not Believed That Togo Will Risk Entire Squadron in Fight on Open Sea.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 19.—A dispatch to a news agency from Tokio says:

"Information received here is taken to indicate that the Russian squadron proposes staying at Kamranh Bay, until May 7th. Admiral Rojestvensky means while sending out cruisers to overhaul merchantmen proceeding along the trade route to the Straits of Formosa."

"The transports accompanying the Russian squadron are reported to be playing around Kahrn Bay and Saigon under the merchant flag of Russia."

Japan Makes Protest.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 19.—A special to the Daily News from Tokio says:

"At a conference of the elder statesmen and the principal cabinet ministers to-day, the principal cabinet ministers went to France regarding its frequent violations of neutrality in providing shelter for and rendering assistance to Russia's Baltic fleet, at Madagascar and now at Kamranh Bay. No answer has yet been received from the French authorities."

People Much Irritated.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, April 19.—6 P. M.—Although not reported directly, it is believed that the Russian second Pacific squadron continues the occupation of Kamranh Bay, or some other port of Annam, where it is expected to remain until joined by the Russian Baltic fleet.

The report that Admiral Rojestvensky is maintaining a patrol and examining neutral shipping off Kamranh Bay, increases the irritation towards France for permitting the use of that port as a base of operations.

The Japanese government continues silent regarding the representations on the subject, which have been made to France. The press, however, continues its agitation against France, demanding vigorous action.

DREAD NIGHT ATTACKS.

Russians Anxiously Figuring on Probable Course of Rojestvensky—Want Open Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19, 7:55 P. M.—The keenest interest is manifested in the dispatches referring to the Russian squadron which is expected to proceed northward through the Straits of Formosa or be as much in the dark as the public regarding the plans of the admiral. The report that part of the squadron was sighted off Hong Kong is not credited here, however, as Hong Kong is far off his route. The main question now agitating the naval officials is whether Rojestvensky will elect to proceed northward through the Straits of Formosa or be as much in the dark as the public regarding the plans of the admiral. The report that part of the squadron was sighted off Hong Kong is not credited here, however, as Hong Kong is far off his route. The main question now agitating the naval officials is whether Rojestvensky will elect to proceed northward through the Straits of Formosa or be as much in the dark as the public regarding the plans of the admiral.

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